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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: JERUSALEM POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING: GOI
REVISED AGENDA

REF: TEL AVIV 339

1. MET WITH FONMIN KAMEL EARLY THIS AFTERNOON IMMEDIATELY
AFTER HE RETURNED FROM ASWAN. MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI AND
KAMEL'S CHEF DE CABINET, AHMAD MAHER, WERE WITH HIM.

2. AFTER CONDUCTING SOME OTHER BUSINESS, I GAVE HIM
DAYAN'S LETTER CONTAINING GOI COUNTERPROPOSALS FOR
JERUSALEM POLITICAL COMMITTEE AGENDA. KAMEL AND GHALI
WENT THROUGH LETTER CAREFULLY AND WERE CLEARLY DISAPPOINTED
KAMEL SAID HE WILL WANT TO CONVENE HIS MFA PREPARATORY
TEAM TO STUDY THE LETTER. HE WILL THEREAFTER PROVIDE US
WITH WRITTEN EGYPTIAN COMMENTS ON THE DAYAN COUNTER-
PROPOSALS. HE HOPES THESE MAY BE READY BY TOMORROW.

3. TOLD KAMEL THAT I WOULD BE FLYING TO ASWAN TOMORROW
TO SEE SADAT, BUT DID NOT INDICATE REASON. I
HOPED TO BE BACK MID-AFTERNOON AND WOULD AT THAT TIME BE
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HAPPY MEET WITH KAMEL IF HE WISHED.

4. KAMEL CLAIMED "GENERAL FEELING" AMONG PRESIDENCY
OFFICIALS IN ASWAN IS THAT THE ISRAELIS WANT TO SLOW
DOWN THE PEACE PROCESS RESULTING FROM SADAT'S INITIATIVE.
HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY
BEGIN AND OTHER ISRAELI LEADERS, ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE

SETTLEMENTS. HE SAID THESE STATEMENTS ARE NOT IN THE "SPIRIT OF THE SADAT INITIATIVE." THE ELEMENT OF TIME, KAMEL EMPHASIZED, IS IMPORTANT. UNLESS THERE IS SOME REASONABLY QUICK PROGRESS, THE EGYPTIAN AND ARAB PUBLIC LET-DOWN COULD BECOME DANGEROUS. REJECTIONIST ELEMENTS, WHOSE ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE ARABS IS NOW LIMITED, WILL BE STRENGTHENED AND BECOME MORE ACTIVE.

5. KAMEL VOICED THE HOPE THAT SECRETARY WILL ACTIVELY INTERVENE DURING JERUSALEM TALKS TO PRESS FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 242 AND FOR SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE PALESTINIANS. HE DEPLORED ISRAELI EFFORTS TO ASSOCIATE THE ISSUE OF SECURITY WITH THAT OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS. THESE TWO ISSUES, HE INSISTED, ARE NOT THE SAME.

6. COMMENT: KAMEL AND HIS COLLEAGUES ARE SHOWING CONSIDERABLE EDGINESS ABOUT PROSPECTS UPCOMING JERUSALEM TALKS AND ARE CLEARLY PERSUADED THAT, WITHOUT ACTIVE USG ASSISTANCE, MEETING WILL FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW FAIL. EILTS

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